



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, September 12th, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON.– THURS. 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

*****The church office IS open today. Due to the weather, the church office may be closed on Wednesday. Please call ahead if you plan to visit the office on Wednesday. When the office is closed, please know that our pastors are still working and fully available to meet with you via phone or in person should you desire a pastoral visit.**

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Worship begins at 9:30 am this Sunday. Sunday School for all ages will begin after worship and fellowship (approximately 10:45 am though we will be flexible as we attempt to establish a new fellowship routine over the next few weeks). Pastor Dave will preach this week's message on 2nd Corinthians 11:1-15 where the apostle Paul gives important warnings against false teachers and false gospels. Join us either in person or online! **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipseptember13.eventbrite.com>.

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Everyone, from preschool through adults, is invited to join the class in the Fellowship Hall after worship and a brief time of fellowship outside (approximately 10:45 am – though we will be flexible with our start time as we establish a new fellowship routine over the next few weeks). This week's lesson is on **Genesis 3:1-21 – The Temptation of Adam and Eve**. Once you are seated at your table, you may remove your mask. If you would like to attend class from home, please cut and paste the following link into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353330135?pwd=VVV1alNwcTM3ekRZU2RablRub2NTZz09>

SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM HELP

We are in need of volunteers who can help monitor our Zoom feed during Sunday School. One of the pastors will have everything set up, but it would be helpful to have someone sit near the computer to let them know if someone has a question or comment during our hybrid classes. If you would be willing to help out some of the time, please contact Pastor Wendy.

BIBLE STUDY: "HEROES OF THE FAITH: THE QUIET HEROES" WEDNESDAY 7-8:30 PM

This week's Bible study will focus on the Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-24). This six-week class on the "Quiet Heroes of the Faith" is being taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy (Pastor Wendy will lead this week's class). Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall (masks may be removed once you are seated at your table) as well as online via Zoom. Here is the Zoom Link (cut and paste into your browser) if you'd like to attend from home.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09>

SOUND/TECH TEAM OPENINGS

We are looking for people who are willing to help at the sound booth during worship on Sunday mornings. No previous skills or knowledge are required. We will be looking for someone to advance worship slides once our screens are set up in the sanctuary. We will also be looking for someone who can help monitor the sound system (which is now much easier to do with the new system!). This is a great way to serve the church that won't interfere with your weekly schedule! If

you would be willing to serve on occasion, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Wendy.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Due to COVID, we are happy to hold new member classes for individual families/households and are happy to schedule them at your convenience. Attending our new member class doesn't mean you have to become a member. But it is a great opportunity to learn about our congregation's history, core beliefs, vision for ministry, and to ask questions about Spirit of Hope, LCMC, or anything else that you've been wondering about! If you would like to schedule a new member class, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy. We would be delighted to meet with you!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEW MEETING DAY!

The Hopeful Spirits will now be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:30 pm. The Bible study will be on Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray". If you would like a copy of "A Simple Way to Pray" please contact Pastor Wendy as she has some readily available in the Church Office. A study guide for this lesson was attached to the email that accompanied this newsletter. If you'd like to learn more about the Hopeful Spirits, please contact Sara Gutknecht.

UPDATES FROM CARRIE

As you know, we provide regular support to Carrie who serves in Southeast Asia. Since this newsletter is public and posted to our website, we will not share more information here (though you are welcome to talk with Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy for more info!). Carrie sends out a personal newsletter and has invited anyone who would like to follow her work to sign up to receive that newsletter. If you would like to get updates from Carrie, please contact Pastor Wendy at wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org and specify if you would like your email, physical address, or both shared with Carrie.

DISINFECTANT SPRAY

The church is in need of cans of disinfectant spray, which we use to sanitize surfaces in the church building that may have been touched after any and every meeting. If you are able to keep the church in mind while shopping, donations of disinfectant spray would be most appreciated. Thank you!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. or pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org.

Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Please include the following people in your prayers:

For healing for Pastor Dave as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

For healing for Jack Huebsch as he continues to make progress and recovers from treatment for kidney issues

For our nation to return to calm and practice true justice in light of the events of violence and death that have happened in the last three months

For racial reconciliation to occur in our nation

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted, that reopening will continue and go smoothly and that treatment and a vaccine will be developed rapidly

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

For our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world who suffer persecution to be comforted and strengthened and for the Lord God to defeat the evil of terrorism done to them

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Bethesda Lutheran Ministries, Compassion International, the Institute of Lutheran Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Members and Friends)

September Birthdays

9/5 Dylan Poch
9/8 Anne Carpenter
9/8 David Giles
9/11 Shelly Blazier
9/12 John Malone
9/12 Pat Schmidt
9/13 Carol Byers
9/14 Gary Flora
9/18 Ben Potthoff
9/19 Sarah West
9/30 Lee Case

September Anniversaries

9/10 Steve & Nancy Howland
9/13 Bill & Carol Byers
9/30 Julie & Lee Case

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September Financials will be updated for next week's newsletter as deposit records have been delayed at the bank due to the Labor Day holiday.

August income (to date) = \$33,621

General Fund Offerings = \$18,118

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$15,150

Dedicated Offerings = \$206

Other Income = \$147*

August expenses (to date) = \$24,717**

Checking = \$45,525

Money Market = \$23,220 (Reserves = \$10,437 Dedicated = \$12,783)

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$5,208

Building Money Market = \$20,590

***Reflects quarterly King Sooper's Community Reward Program**

**** Reflects \$8,687 expenditure from gifted dedicated funds for sound and technology upgrades.**